

Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

March 9, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Bitter Lake Community Center

Attendees

NAC Members:

Darryl Bennett, Edmond Ryan, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Jeff VanderGiessen, Joseph Monda, Josh Freedman, Richard Dyksterhuis, Rick Barrett, Susan Eastman Jensen, and Wayne Parks.

Public Members:

Philip Junkins and Lindsey Harris

City Staff:

Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), David Goldberg (DPD), and Sebhat Tenna (DON)

Guest: Councilmember Mike O'Brien

February Meeting Summary

- Correction to credit Greg, rather than Josh, with creation of video.
- Request to add comments regarding Hub Urban Village vs. planning area; this area is quite large.

Summary notes accepted with the above corrections.

Community Report Out

- Josh reported on website with comments related to walking tour.
- Sue shared map of the area with dots referring to potential urban hamlet sites. Urban hamlets seem to have been called neighborhood anchors in a mid-90's version of the comp plan.
- Richard and Gloria gave a brief report on the Neighbor Appreciation Day event. The event was quite successful.

Absences

- It was noted that Deborah Phare, who resigned from the NAC, but then expressed interest in rejoining, had not attended any meeting.

NAC agreed to thank Deborah Phare for her interest and inform her that she is taken off the membership roster. City staff will inform her by letter.

March 12, 2011 Workshop

Meeting Format:

- There was discussion around when to show the video, and the Committee decided to open the presentation with it.

- Wayne will open up the meeting and turn it over to Nora who will describe what an update is and why it is being done.
- NAC will describe the current plan and then move into the key strategies, with various NAC members discussing their work on projects in these key areas.
- Information from the Status Report for the area will be shared.
- Nora will discuss logistics of meeting.
 - Participants will discuss around: What's working? What isn't working? What's missing? What is the vision for the future?
- Conversation/question/answer portion of the meeting.
- A facilitator and scribe will be at each table to assist and record comments.
 - NAC members will be table participants.
- There will be two maps at each table; one showing the entire planning area and one asking participants to identify the center of their neighborhood and what they would like to see in that area. Questions will be asked around where participants go in the neighborhood and how they get there.
 - NAC members should share their concern with facilitators that in Broadview there are three business nodes.
- The instant polling process takes about 15 minutes and will be done in groups of 30 or so.
- Refreshments will be available at the Open House session. Good opportunity for community to interact with NAC members.
- Child care service will be provided during the meeting.

Fran Clifton will work on getting a notice of the meeting posted on the Broadview-Thompson K-8 School Reader Board.

NAC members will distribute fliers/notices to the Four Freedoms building as their newsletter was distributed with an incorrect date for the meeting.

City staff will follow up on NAC member suggestion to utilize local school parent e-mail lists to get the word out.

NAC Meetings Agenda Setting

April 2011

- City staff would provide a draft version of what has been heard from the community to this point and would like comments from NAC members on the draft.
- A draft consultant scope of work will also be provided for review.

May 2011

- Consultants will come and talk about their work, as well as preliminary strategies from city departments.
- Recommendations will be made around Phase II engagement process.

June 2011

- NAC will review, advise and move forward with consultant products and preliminary strategies.
- Further discussion on community engagement process.

July 2011

- The second community forum.

- Debrief July meeting.
- Have a discussion of visions, goals and policies that emerge and refine the strategies.

August 2011

- Discuss draft update document.
- Discuss Phase III community engagement in September/October.

City Departments to NAC meetings

- Departments that have not yet presented at NAC meetings include Police, Office of Economic Development, Housing, Arts, Human Services, and City Light.
- NAC members have also requested information on urban hamlets, boundaries, walking tour, School District visit, Urban Land Institute.

City Staff suggested:

- Invitations could be offered to departments based on outcome of interest from community meeting and departments be asked to address specific issues raised.
- Might be a good idea to invite the School District at a later date after there is more information/possible solutions.

NAC member suggested:

- To have combined presentations;
- We may need to invite back departments that have already come.
- Walking tour should happen before the July community meeting.
- Have department directors invited to attend, rather than line staff. Pros and cons of the suggestion were discussed.

Next combined presenters would include Housing, Human Services and City Light. The month: to be determined.

Bus Rapid Transit

- Urban Land Institute (ULI) is doing a study in the area between March 22-24. Nora has asked them to allow a couple of NAC members to give input. Sue and Wayne expressed interest.

Action Items

- NAC members are encouraged to forward names of prospective NAC applicants to Sebat.
- Add Bus Rapid Transit to April agenda.